

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the second paragraph beginning at page 8, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C/ Cutting facility 28 includes a longitudinally moveable spanning member, termed a burn carriage, or bridge 30 located to straddle a pathway, or track, of a material transport apparatus or, transfer system 32, described more fully below. Bridge 30 is mounted on wheels 34 at either end, wheels 34 being mounted on a pair of parallel ways 36, 37 to permit travel in the x direction. Bridge 30 has an electric geared drive 38 that is operable in cooperation with toothed racks adjacent to ways 36, 37 to move bridge 30 longitudinally with a level of precision appropriate for cutting a profile in the work-piece material. Cutting facility 28 includes four plasma-arc cutting heads 40, 41, 42 and 43, all mounted to bridge 30, and each being operable to move along the span (that is, in the y-direction) of the bridge 30 to permit cutting of each objects located beneath bridge 30 as required. In addition to x-y motion the cutting heads can also be ~~titled~~ tilted to produce a bevelled, or chamfered edge. Cutting facility 28 is controlled numerically by a computer 46 mounted beside the operator console 44 the cutting heads 40 to 43 being employed to cut profiles in sheets of material according to design information fed into a compote 46.